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- 1. SUMMARY: EMBOFF RAISED POINTS IN REFTELS JUNE 10 WITH ZITU DI NEKOTI, DIVISION CHIEF FOR UN AFFAIRS IN THE ZAIRIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ZITU WAS INITIALLY NON-COMMITTAL BUT CONCLUDED THE MEETING ON A MORE POSITIVE NOTE. END SUMMARY.
- 2. FOLLOWING INITIAL PRESENTATION OF US POSITION BY EMBOFF, ZITU BEGAN ASKING IF WASHINGTON WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION IF SPECIFIC MENTION OF THE US WERE DELETED. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT ANY CONCEIVABLE VARIATION OF THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE, AND THAT THIS CONFERENCE WAS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE THAT POLITICALL MOTIVATED RESOLUTIONS SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED.
- 3. ZITU COUNTERED THAT ALTHOUGH THIS WAS TRUE, ALL INTERNATIONAL FORA

TODAY ARE POLITICIZED AND RESOLUTIONS OF THIS SORT ARE NORMAL OCCURRENCES. ARGUING THAT THIS CONFERENCE OUGHT TO BE AN EXCEPTION, CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBOFF ADDED THAT US PEACE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WERE WELL-KNOWN THAT EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA DID NOT COSPONSOR THE RESOLUTION AND THAT IT

MIGHT BOOMERANG BY PREVENTING FURTHER US ARMS SALES TO BOTH EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA. SINCE US PUBLIC OPINION IS DIVIDED ON ARAB ARMS SALES, THE IRAQI RESOLUTION MIGHT INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION, AND THUS THE CONGRESS, TO OPPOSE FUTURE ARMS SALES TO THE

ARABS. WHEN ZITU ACKNOWLEDGED THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE POINTS, EMBOFF THEN RAISED POINT C, PARA 2 OF REF B, SUGGESTING THAT RADICAL STATES MIGHT INTRODUCE OTHER SENSITIVE BUT UNRELATED ISSUES SUCH AS SHABA, CHAD, AND THE SAHARA, FOR POLITICAL GAIN. ZITU WAS IMPRESSED WITH THIS ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM AND WONDERED ALOUD WHY THE MOROCCANS AND MAURITANIANS HAD NOT PERCEIVED THIS DANGER. APPEARING TO MOVE CLOSER TO THE US VIEW, ZITU OBSERVED THAT ZAIRE OFTEN TRIED TO SUPPORT US INITIATIVES. HE CONCLUDED THE CORDIAL DISCUSSION BY EXPRESSING THE DESIRE THAT SUCH OOPERATION WOULD PROVE POSSIBLE IN THIS INSTANCE.

4. COMMENT: DESPITE ZITU'S COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE, IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR ZAIRE TO RESIST IF MOROCCO SEEKS GOZ SUPPORT ON THE IRAQI RESOLUTION.
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